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DERIVATIVES AS ABETA 42 LOWERING
AGENTS

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

This communication is in reply to the non-final Office Action dated March 19, 2007 setting forth a shortened statutory period for reply ending June 19, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified patent application are respectfully requested. This application relates to geminally di-substituted NSAID derivatives as A β 42 lowering agents.

Claims 20, 21 and 31 to 42 are currently pending in the application. Claims 20, 31, 33 to 36 and 41 stand rejected for non-enablement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 21, 32, 37 to 40 and 42 are allowed. This indication of allowability is appreciatively acknowledged.

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